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Too Many Rules, Too Little Time

By Kelly Lappin
Editor-in-Chief

Change is a natural occurrence in all aspects of life. Sometimes change is good, and sometimes it is bad. Many changes have been made on our campus, including half-hour lunches, required study halls, eating only in the cafeteria, only seniors parking in the pit, and no more seventh hour off. Regardless of whether these changes are good or bad, students are confused, angry, and maybe even a little sad about the new situation.

Why? For anyone, change can be difficult to handle in large portions. Students have returned to school this fall to what seems to be a completely different place than where they enjoyed the freedoms of an open campus just last spring.

It is painfully obvious that the decision to close campus should have been delayed until a new school is built, because the current campus is not designed to accommodate a closed campus. The cafeteria is not big enough and cannot serve food to 2,100 students, or even the 350 students who have been crammed into each half-hour time slot. Study halls are similarly packed.

It is undeniable that our school loses a great deal of money every day from poor attendance (let's face it, money is the real reason for our entrapment), but, the new restrictions affect everyone, especially the students who do come to school. If skipping is the main cause of our losing money, how is restricting the freedoms of those who do come to school a practical solution?

Regardless of the reasons and motives behind closing the campus, what it has done to the students has not been properly considered. For me, being able to leave campus for lunch provided a much needed midday break, allowing me to return to my afternoon classes a little more refreshed and ready to work. Now the stress I collect in the morning continues to build through the rest of the day in each class, and my lunch/study hall period is the worst stress factor of them all. All the advantages of being a senior that I looked forward to are gone. I'm not allowed to leave my study hall for any reason, but that is the only hour I'm allowed to sell the paper which they will not let me leave to work on. It would be much easier if the rules that are strictly enforced did not contradict each other.

It is hard for students to adjust to all the changes that have been made this year. Waiting until the new high school is built would have been the most logical thing to do. But if the school board finds these new restrictions to be immediately necessary, they should be implemented gradually. Either impose only a few new rules in one year, or start the incoming freshmen class off with the restrictions so they can get used to it, and every class after that will follow.

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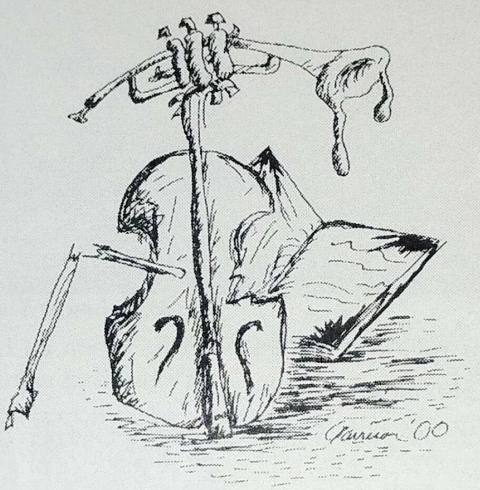
The Meltdown of Modern Learning

By Stacey Garrison
Senior Editor

Its time to go to school. Welcome to Alton High, where history's voices and footsteps can practically be heard echoing through the halls. Traditions and customs are mighty at this school. Such institutes as the Marching 100, Tatler, RedBird Word, sports, as well as many others have paved the way for careers, memories, new friends, and hard, dedicated work. Some people use their time after school, but there are many students who do not have that time to use.



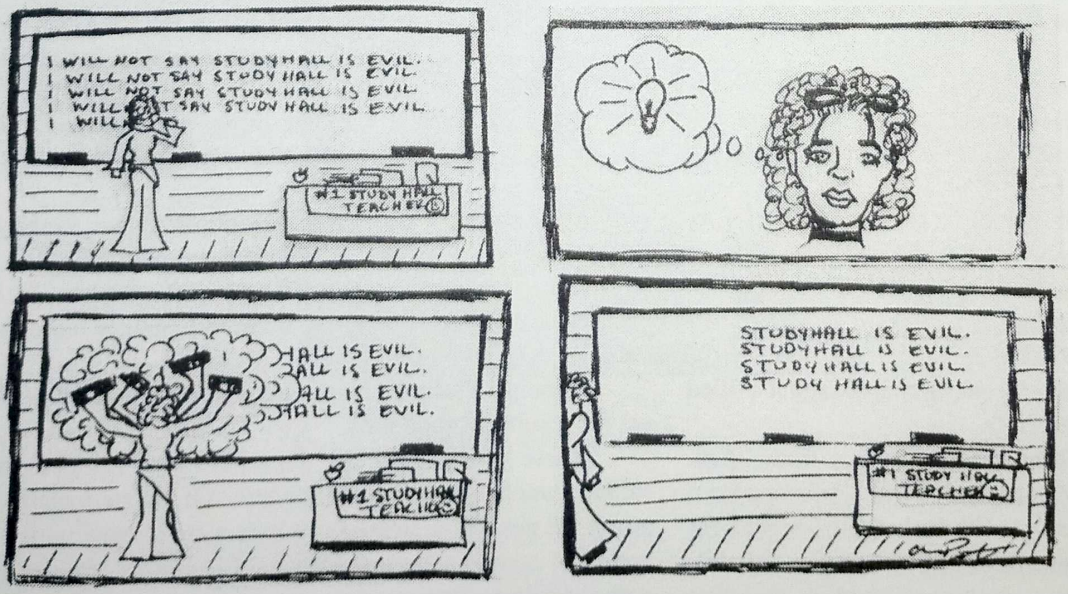
I have learned many lessons during high school, but perhaps the most profound was my realizaton of how important it is to actually work diligently at what I do. I never knew until I got to Alton High how wonderful it is to work very hard and become good at something.

Many other students have also learned that it pays to reach for a goal There are people who would like to practice their musical instruments, or maybe they would like to lift weights to be better at football, or maybe they have a huge deadline for Tatler. This may not be true for all students, but there are many of us out there who want to use our time productively. I used to do that. I used to practice during lunch, and I know many other people who did as well. Little did we know our practice time would be ripped away because we have to eat in the cafeteria.

If you want to do something productive, forget it. Should students even have rights? We wish we had them. School is not a democracy; students learn that idea pretty early. Problems really start to show up when we find out that adults are protected by this thing called the Constitution. We are given freedom, then it is taken. It seems as though the world we knew has been turned upside down. We thought we had it bad before, and it was so very easy to take for granted what was good. What can be done to get those things back? Nothing. We all know the truth. Janie wants to practice; Bobby wants to lift weights; Billy wants to work on Tatler; sorry, not this year. Everyone quit your jobs. You will need all the time you can get.

THEN AGAIN NOT

By Amy Porter
Cover Story Editor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Upper Alton Businesses Speak Out

By Adam Betz

The recent closing of AHS's campus may take its toll on uptown restaurants. The decision, made late last July, to keep students in the cafeteria, will greatly affect potential business.

"It has negatively affected our business a significant amount," said Debbie Prieto, manager of Hardees on Washington Ave. "We wish the school board would reconsider the change." Prieto feels students should have their choice on whether or not to eat uptown or in the cafeteria.

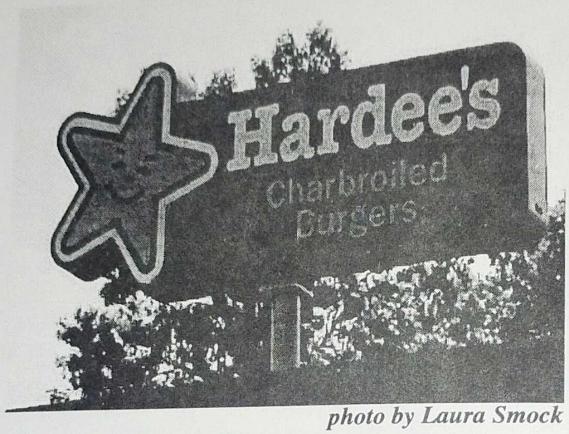


photo by Laura Smock

The uptown Hardees is suffering because of the closed campus.

"The kids never bothered me much, they would just get a little rowdy," said Bau Tran manager of Hong Kong House. Tran, however, was concerned with fights that sometimes broke out in Hong Kong House. She hopes the closing of the campus will decrease the amount of tension in the uptown area.

Some businesses are now experiencing a bigger after school crowd because students are choosing to wait to purchase the food they want.

"I really enjoyed having the kids around, they made me laugh," said Adam Tyson, general manager of the Subway in Upper Alton.

Get Lost in Godfrey

By Diane Holden

The Great Godfrey Maze is a new attraction at the Robert E. Glazebrook Community Park located on Stamper Lane. The two path maze, which is in the center of a seven acre corn field, is cut into the shape of the legendary Piasa Bird.

The maze is 213 rows of corn wide by 184 rows of corn long. "The three-mile-long maze is a great experience for people of all ages," said Nikki Lockhart, recreation program supervisor of the maze."We are expecting a large amount of people from all over the world."

Many AHS students work at The Great Godfrey Maze. Junior Tayhlor Jenkins, a "corn cop," said, "The thing I like most about working in the maze is the people I work with. It's fun to go through it and it's fun to play in our Corn Crib." The Corn Crib is like a sandbox, but instead of sand it's filled with 120 bushels of shelled corn.

The Great Godfrey Maze is open Fridays from 4 p.m. to dusk, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to dusk, and Sundays from 1 p.m. to dusk until October 31. General admission is $6 for adults, $4 for children ages six to eleven and free for children under five years old.

2000 ACT Scores Make the Grade

By David Fitzgerald
News Editor

ACT scores at AHS are better than the state and national averages. The scores were the highest they have been in over five years.

The composite, or average score, at AHS was 21.6. The composite for the state was 21.5. The national composite was lower than both at 21.0.

Mrs. Ashpole, resource counselor, attributes the high scores to the pretests that students are required to take before they are able to get an ACT application packet. This year will be the fourth year that these tests will be administered.

Principal Philip Robbins claims the higher test scores are the result of "good kids."

These "good kids" also gave AHS high marks in the student evaluation portion of the test. Of the students who tested, 72 percent answered that they were pleased with the variety of courses offered at AHS and 54 percent were pleased with the school library.

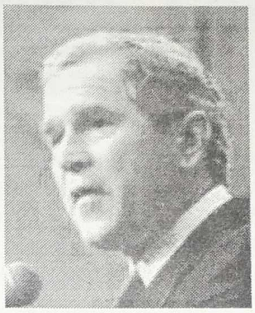
Students Exercise the Right to Vote

By Courtney Mathus
Back Page Editor

On November 7, some seniors will be joining the rest of the United States in voting for their new president.

George W. Bush (R) and Al Gore (D) kicked off their fall campaigns on September 4 in Naperville, IL, by sharing their presidential debates with the American people.

According to Mike Ferullo of CNN, Bush Focused on education, military readiness, and described ideas for tax cuts that will help working class families. Gore's tax cuts focused on the low and middle class, which Bush claims will be forgotten after the November election.



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Al Gore (left) and George W. Bush (Right)

Gore refreshed his word to raise the minimum wage, build more public schools, secure passage of the patients bill of rights, and provide prescription coverage for the government's medicare program.

"I am voting for Al Gore," said senior Jacob Gordon, "He wants to raise minimum wage."

"Texas, where Bush is governor, is the state with the worst pollution problem," said senior Ashley Budde, "Obviously, he isn't taking action."

Under the Bush campaign's proposals, presidential debates will take place on NBC's "Meet the Press," hosted by Tim Russert, and CNN's "Larry King Live."

The School is Falling!

By Erin DeBlass

In 1921, Alton High School opened its doors for the first time. Now, nearly eighty years later, the buildings are showing their age, and seem to be in poor condition.

Many classrooms and facilities are severely deteriorating. In the Main building, paint is peeling on the ceiling and walls. In areas such as the band room hallway and fourth floor stair well, the paint colors are mismatched with one color on the stairwell and another on the wall. Several of the walls also have cracks and holes that have yet to be repaired.

These neglected areas can be very distracting for students. Instead of focusing on the teachers, students' eyes will tend to wander toward the disintegrated areas. Many believe that the condition of the high school is projecting a bad impression. It has created a decreased interest in the high school and school district.

Many students and parents feel the condition of the buildings create a bad learning environment. Not only because on the distractions they may cause, but also because of the atmosphere it tends to create.

A True Skate Shop

By John Mook

A brand new skate shop just opened in downtown Alton. Curbside is a skater-focused shop located at 400 State Street where Roundhere Records was once located. Curbside is owned and operated by twenty-one year old skateboarder, Dennis DuMey.

"Alton has needed a good skate shop for a long time," said DuMey.

Complete prices at Curbside range from 80 to 120 dollars. They carry all major skateboard brands including Girl, Element, Black Label, Shorty's, Alien Workshop, and Zero. It also carries Image skateboard, a St. Louis skateboard company.

"Curbside is different from other skate shops because it's just a skate shop; no bikes, roller blades or snowboards, just skateboards," DuMey said, "There's nothing wrong with those other sports, but that's not what Curbside is about."

photo by Kelly Lappin

Senior Tim DuMey does a backside nosegrind at a Curbside Demo.

"The best thing about owning a skate shop is meeting all of the fellow skaters," said DuMey.

One fellow skater, Robert Baldwin, a senior at Alton High, visits Curbside frequently.

"Curbside is a home away from home," said Baldwin.

Hollywood Causes Moral Decay

By Audrey Hinrichs
Business Editor

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a report stating that Hollywood is marketing pervasive and violent music, video games and movies to kids despite adult ratings. The report was issued after the deadly shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Does this report mean an end to Goldeneye 007, a video game who's main purpose is to shoot and kill an opponent? Will age limitations be placed on CDs with explicit lyrics?

The FTC found evidence proving that tactics were used to attract the teen audience to R-rated films. Most R-rated films target an age group from 12 to 18. Teen audiences have been proven to look for explicit language, violence, sex and even drugs in the movies they enjoy watching, however, parents are frustrated that this adult material is marketed in youth publications. Teen, Jump, DC Comics and Marvel Comics all printed adult-oriented material in their magazines.

The FTC selected over 50 explicit language labeled recordings for review and all were targeted at children under seventeen. Over 70 percent of mature-rated video games were also targeted to children. Change is already on the way. K-Mart and Walmart are among the retailers who are making changes. Soon, they are planning to card kids purchasing violent video games or CDs with explicit lyrics.

Senior Michael Crammond said, "It is true, Hollywood does target kids. Not too many adults went to see Blade. Parents should place limitations on what they want their children to view or not to view, not the government."

"I think it's stupid that the government thinks video games influence kids so much," said senior Paul Rogers.

Senior Leslie Collins said, "It is a good idea for younger kids to be regulated, but once you reach a certain age you should regulate what you watch or play."

This is a key issue to President Clinton, Al Gore and George W. Bush, so this is not the end of the insanity. This lead to moral decay should supposedly increase crime, but crime is down in general as well as in schools.

Big Changes For Alton School District

By Stephanie Hoke
Senior Editor

Bells of different schools ring in the ears of many students this year. Alton School District No. 11 is putting this area through a major renovation process due to a loss of money and a need for more advanced technology.

A big part of the change started with the closing of many elementary schools and transforming West Middle into a new elementary location. This brought about the transferring of the teachers and students that previously resided in the building.

Mr. Richard Scott, a former West science teacher, said, "I like being up at the high school and this gave me the perfect opportunity to come back to the higher school level."

Parents have been affected by the renovation also. "My mom says that now she has to drive further and that all of this change causes unnecessary fear of constantly having to move to new schools," said senior Gretchen Steingrubey.

At this point, the finished product of this cost effective advanced learning concept is not a complete reality. Until then, things will continue to be confusing and unsettling in some way for most people.

Thank you Mr. Heintz. Without your kindness, the RedBird Word would be "powerless."

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Mainstreet Makes Its Mark

By Jama Fabry, Features Editor

Last year the Alton Market Place Association designed a new program to increase teen interest in the community called Junior Mainstreet. It encourages teens to get involved in Alton and opens up a multitude of opportunities.

The members sponsored three themed events over the summer. Each was centered around music, food, and having a good time. The most popular segment was the skateboarding demonstration. The students also sponsored volleyball, face painting and sidewalk art for the public.

Three Junior Mainstreet members shared an exciting opportunity. Junior Mainstreet President James Mays, Vice President Audrey Hinrichs, and David Fitzgerald were invited to meet Illinois' Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood. Wood spoke to them about their amazing contributions and the improvements that their organization can make. They were then personally asked by Wood to accompany her on a boat ride down the Mississippi River.

James Mays recalled that, "It was cool. She was really friendly and helpful with all of our questions. We're lucky that she took the time to meet with us."

Vocalist Voices Her Talents

By Jama Fabry, Features Editor

Imagine someone being so devoted to music that they would travel hundreds of miles to spend two months entirely surrounded by what they love. For senior Missy Minton the 12 hour drive to Interlochen, Michigan was well worth the trip.

Near the end of last school year, Minton was requested upon by her choir teacher, Anne Davis, to attend a Summer Arts Camp. It is designed to help aspiring fine arts students develop their talents. With the aid of Davis, Minton raised the cost of expenses and was able to take advantage of this chance of a lifetime.

Minton was a little nervous about meeting new people and fitting in. On the first day she was one of the 21 girls selected from 150 for a possible leading role in an operetta. Their choir performed every two weeks and Minton had a solo in the final show.

"It was a very exciting and enjoyable experience. I learned more about music in eight weeks than I could ever imagine," said Minton.

Attending students stayed in cabins of fifteen, with two restroom stalls, two showers, three sinks, and only a locker to keep clothes in. Each morning at six-thirty they were awakened by "Reveille," sent to classes such as Beginning Guitar, Musical Theater, and History of Music Literature, then sent to bed each night at ten to "Taps."

Upon her return, Minton stated, "I'm truly thrilled that Mrs. Davis presented me with this opportunity. It was fun, but I'm really glad to be home."

Flagline Fires It Up

By Jama Fabry, Features Editor

Flags, fireworks and a chance to live like college students highlighted the camp experience for eight Marching '100' Color Guard members on July 5. Seniors Amber Smith, Jama Fabry, and junior Jennifer Mueller, all Color Guard Captains, as well as juniors Christa Douglas, Misty Prater, Samantha Bellamy, Valerie Prater, and sophomore Gina Norton spent four days perfecting their skills at the Smith Walbridge Flag and Rifle Clinic.

photo by Missy Minton

Their day consisted of dance, flag, and rifle classes, lunch, some down time, dinner, and an entertaining event, such as the fireworks dislplay, at night.

Amber Smith commented, "They were the most amazing fireworks I've ever seen. They lasted forever and I felt like they were so close I could touch them!"

These line members also had the chance to see the world famous Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps perform and to talk with them. Their second night was filled with swimming, a pizza party, and a dance. The last evening was reserved for the talent show, which was amusing to all.

On the last day, the camps performed what they had learned for the parents, exchanged addresses, and headed home.

Misty Prater summed up the experience, "This camp was the highlight of my summer. We gained new moves, we ate good food, some girls learned to twirl rifles, and best of all we got to meet all kinds of cute drummers!"

Students Flock to France

By Jama Fabry, Features Editor

Breathtaking architecture, famous paintings, and elaborate gardens were absorbed by the 11 AHS students who traveled to France this summer. They departed from St. Louis to spend 12 days living, eating, and speaking like the French.

They also toured Versailles, photographed Napoleon's tomb, witnessed the gardens of Monet and were captivated by the beaches of St. Malo.

Senior Tony Hong said, "The trip was a great learning experience. We got to see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Beaches of Normandy, and all kinds of cool castles. I think that everyone should get a chance to go there.

Live With Lacey

Georgia Transplants To Campus

By Erin McCann
Managing Editor

Producing a live television show is not just a fantasy for senior Millicent Lacey. Lacey, who recently moved to Alton from Pebble Brook High School in Austell, Georgia, studied mass media in a hands-on class room/studio.

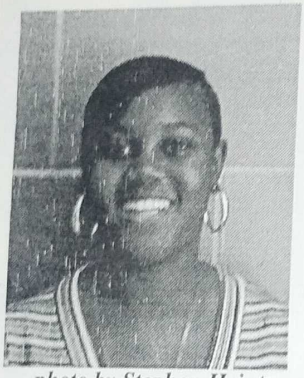

photo by Stephen Heintz

Lacey said, "The class taught me to express myself, and in a lot of ways it helped me to find myself."

Mass Media gave students the opportunity to try one of the many jobs that are involved in creating a television show; Lacey took full advantage of this opportunity.

Lacey's main focus was producing. She produced several programs including her own talk show.

"I enjoyed the responsibility very much so, because I knew that I could handle it," said Lacey.

Lacey will be graduating from AHS in January, and plans to attend the Art Institute of Atlanta Georgia. She plans on majoring in Video Production. She looks forward to returning to her work as a producer, and life behind the scenes. As Lacey put it, "I just can't wait to get back in the game."

There's a New Choir in Town

By Missy Minton and Julie Strassman
Photographer

Finally, there's a new choir for singers. Advanced chorus is added to many students schedules, along with the options of Concert Choir and general chorus.

Advanced choir is an intermediate choir. It falls between general chorus, a beginning group, and Concert Choir, the advanced group.

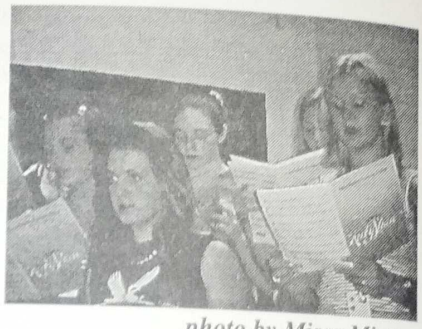

photo by Missy Minton

I've been wanting to do this (start Advanced chorus) for some time now," said Mrs. Davis, choir director at Alton High school.

Advanced chorus is for those students who have advanced past the basic skills of music. It is also open to freshman who have been recommended for the class by their eighth grade music teacher.

Chorus also has a new teacher, Mrs. Bev Kramer. Kramer was the music teacher at West Middle School. She is now employed at East Middle School and Alton High School. Mrs. Kramer is a second director in Advanced chorus and an assistant director in Concert Choir. Mrs. Davis said, "Because she [Mrs. Kramer] is at East and the high school there should be a good carry over of eighth grade students in the future for choir." When asked what she thought of the class, sophomore Erica Harris said, "I love it. It's much more challenging than general chorus."

Marching 100 Off to Good Start

by Missy Minton
Photographer

On September 9, the Alton High Marching 100 traveled to O'Fallon to compete in the Metro East Marching Band competition. They left O'Fallon with an armful of trophies.

"I was really excited to finally get the season rolling in O'Fallon. It has always been a competition in which we are expected to win. And I really believed that we would come out on top again this year," said senior Stacey Garrison.

The Marching 100 proudly walked away from O'Fallon armed with the trophies for Best Drum Majors (Sarah Basola, Julie Pisarek, and Kory Heitzig), Best Winds, First Place in class AAA, and the almighty Grand Champion trophy.

Head Drum Major Sarah Basola said, "This is a good start of what we hope to be a great season."

photo by Missy Minton

(l-r) Drum Majors Kory Heitzig, Sarah Basola, and Julie Pisarek

Sidwell: Rotary Student of the Month

By Courtney Mathus
Backpage Editor

Senior Rachel Sidwell was the September Rotary Student of the Month. Each AHS counselor chooses one student to receive this award for every school month. "It was an honor to be selected," said Sidwell.

Sidwell, the daughter of Stanley and Elizabeth Sidwell, is ranked number two in a class of 376. She was selected for the Yale Book Award that is awarded to a student who shows great academic promise and has exhibited outstanding character.

She was also awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science Award that is decided by the Science faculty and is given to the "most outstanding science student." Only one student from AHS is selected for these awards each year.

Sidwell has been a member of WYSE for two years and placed second in the district math contest. Last year she placed second in the nation and in the top 10 percent in the district on a national competition in French. She is currently president of the French Club.

Sidwell has been in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Social Studies Club for two years as well as being president of National Honors Society.

She is a four year member of the Cross Country and Track teams and qualified for the State Track Meet in 1999. Sidwell is also a four year member and first chair violin in Symphonic Orchestra.

On top of all her accomplishments, Sidwell also volunteers in the community. She has rung Christmas bells for the Salvation Army, gone caroling at nursing homes and collected pet food for the 5A's Animal Shelter. Sidwell currently does not have a college in mind and is still looking.

Former Student Tip Toes to Frisco

By Alison Hanold

Junior Abigail Lewis will be attending the San Francisco Ballet School beginning this fall. The former student of Alton High was accepted on full scholarship after thirteen years of studying Classical Ballet.

Lewis was one of 200 dancers who auditioned for the school after attending their summer program and was one of 15 accepted. "Ballet is the only thing I truly love doing," said Lewis. "It's strange moving away at such a young age, but it is such a wonderful opportunity. I'm very excited." She currently resides in an apartment with another 16 year-old student of the school.

Lewis began taking ballet lessons when she was three years old but did not get serious about it until three years ago when she began attending the Ballet Center in St. Louis.

She was an apprentice in the St. Louis Ballet. When asked how she felt about her daughter's move, Lewis' mother simply replied, "We're very proud of her."

SAP Program Offers Help to AHS Students

By Chavon Curry

Alcoholism is our country's most serious drug problem. While it still remains the number one substance used, it is also the third largest health problem in America. Unfortunately, alcoholism always gets worse; it never improves or stays the same.

It is a proven fact that students more educated about alcohol and its effects are less likely to drink heavily. Alcohol is twice as popular among high school students as the following leading drug, marijuana. Surprisingly the number of young female drinkers has been increasing more rapidly than the number of male drinkers.

As a person begins drinking heavily, they can become unaware of exactly how much they have drunk. As another sign of alcoholism, alcoholics tend to get drunk, then say or do things they cannot later remember, referred to as a "blackout."

If a student at Alton High School feels as though they or someone they know has an alcohol problem, they can get help. The SAP (Student Assistance Program) was designed to help and identify students who have concerns that are keeping them from reaching their fullest potential.

"All SAP members receive training and attend workshops during the year to improve their skills and knowledge as team members," said Mrs. McFarland, counselor.

Any student who knows someone or think they themselves have a drug or alcohol problem can contact the team members of the SAP program.

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Baiter, Robbins Explain Changes

By Amy Porter with help from Robert Doyle
Cover Story Editor *Copy Editor*

This year AHS opened with new rules. Rumors as to why these new rules have come into effect have spread like wildfire, leaving the students angry and confused. In interviews with Superintendent James Baiter and Principal Phillip Robbins, RBW will attempt to answer the questions in everyone's minds…

RBW: The high school is relocating in just a few years. Was there anything in particular that made it so necessary to change the way things are now?

BAITER: "My concern is over the safety and well being of high school students. We basically lose control once they leave campus. The activities around the campus created an image problem for the students and community. The thing that would have bothered me the most would be if a student was hurt, and we would have had to close the campus after a tragedy. At Cahokia High School, the off campus eating place is right across the street from the high school building. A nonstudent fatally shot a high school student. I believe this occurred on a Friday, and by Monday their campus was closed. I would hate to see anything happen to a student."

RBW: Why can't seniors leave early in the day if they don't have a class instead of being stuck in a study hall?

ROBBINS: "That was a mistake that I made in the past (letting seniors out early). I think we have hour long classes when they are actually 54 minutes long. The state says we have to have 300 minutes each day of instructional time. Passing periods do not pass as instructional time. Study hall is considered instructional time and passes as a class. It was my error."

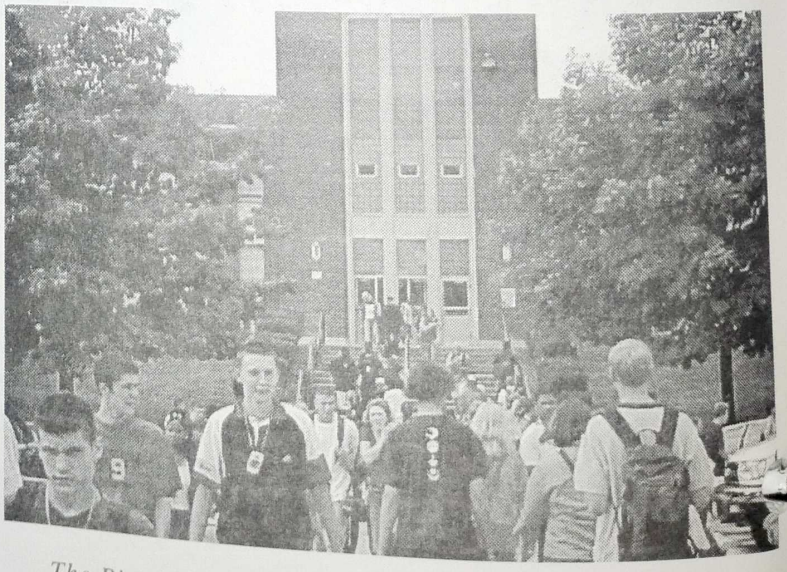
RBW: Are there any plans to modify the cafeteria further?

BAITER: "We've already added banners and changed the window shades. Changes as to the physical layout would be extremely difficult and costly. I think there is adequate space for the seating of the kids on the lunch periods. The student senate will work on a color scheme and the cafeteria will be painted over Christmas break. We're waiting until then because it (the cafeteria) has to be closed to do so. Mrs. Burjes is going to get a group of students and take them to St. Charles and compare their lunch to ours because they use the same food service. We're going to make modifications to the menu and make the experience something the kids want to see. Some equipment is on back order. In the back of the cafeteria a deli sandwich area with freshly carved turkey and deli rounds will be put in place."

RBW: The IDs were put into effect to identify the students and faculty and keep out people that don't belong on campus. Now that the campus is closed, haven't the IDs become obsolete?

BAITER: "Considering the campus's location and the many ways to enter the campus, IDs still are necessary to keep the nonstudents off campus. For some kids, they go uptown to get a bite to eat. No one really knows where they are supposed to be."

RBW: What positive effect do you expect the closed campus to have on skippers?



The Pit. Yeah. ***photo by Amy Porter***

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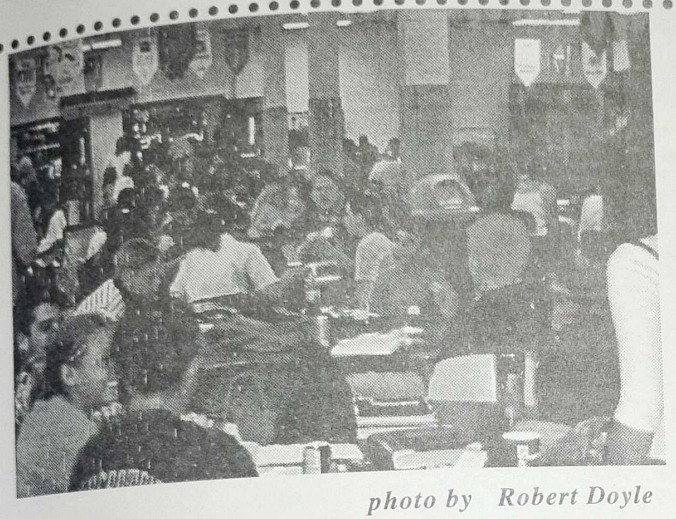


photo by Robert Doyle

Fun and mastication in the crowded cafeteria

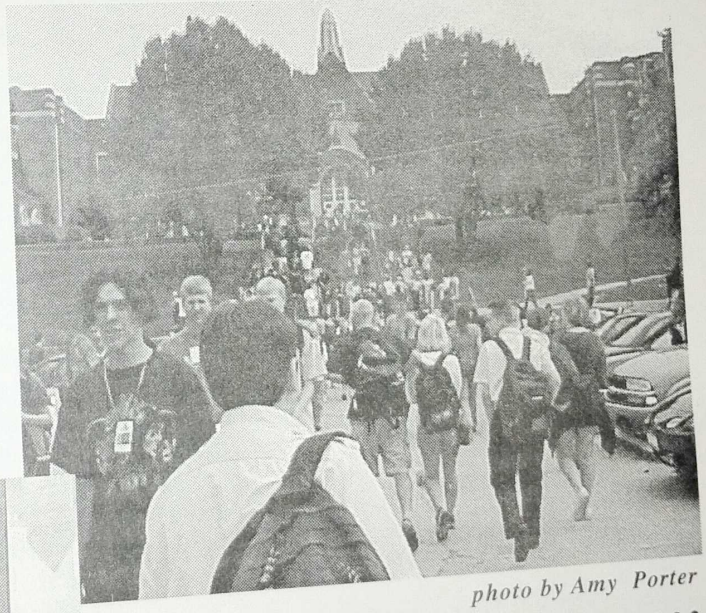
BAITER: "For the kids who were the hard-core skippers this will have no effect on them because they weren't coming to school at all, or to one class they liked. These students aren't likely to attend school at all now. This will have the biggest impact on the occasional skipper because they aren't given the opportunity to leave during the school day. This will provide a safer environment because there is less activity in the parking lot."

RBW: Why are the prices in the cafeteria so much higher than in previous years?

BAITER: "The only prices I've heard that have increased significantly was nachos. They were underpriced last year. The price of a sandwich has increased by about five cents. You have to cover your cost, and the food service really isn't trying to make a profit. The state changed requirements for a reimbursable type meal. Things like french fries must be purchased al a carte instead of as a part of a meal due to nutritional value and fat content."

RBW: A lot of people find it ironic that the year after MJ Beaber, David Baiter (your son), and Evan Monckton graduated last year, the campus closes.

BAITER: "I can only speak for myself. If David were a senior this year, and I was the superintendent, he would be eating in the cafeteria. I have wanted to get the campus closed for a number of years. We (Baiter and the school board) do all things as a group, no one person makes these decisions."



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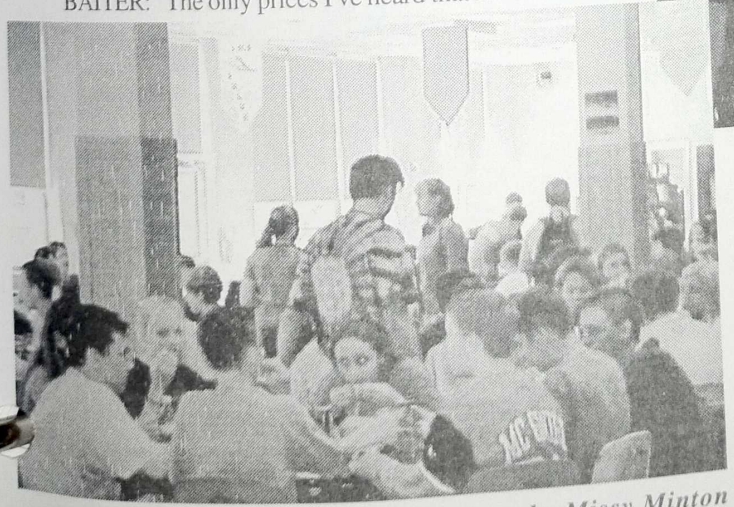

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Oh, and the pretty banners and shades.

Robbins says:
*136 police incidents in the Upper Alton area between September and May of last year.
*While all of those involved were juveniles, not all were AHS students.
*Two robberies in Upper Alton over the summer.
* "Can we really be responsible for your safety while you're off campus?"

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'Protectors of Rock' Save St. Louis

By Catharine McNelly
Entertainment Editor

The Galaxy night club literally lit up as St. Louis' "Protectors of Rock" took center stage on August 18. Orangetree, a band best described as horn-driven arena rock, surprised their audience with special pyro effects as well as a new song they opened with called "Everyone Loves Amy."

Orangetree, a St. Louis based band, has been together since 1994. Former MU330 vocalist Jason Nelson joined the band as lead vocalist in 1998. Orangetree released their first major album *Fixing Stupid* in 1999 and recently released a 2000 self-titled follow-up.

photo by Catharine McNelly

Jordan Woerndle and Joe Baker perform at the Galaxy

Orangetree's set included songs such as "Miserable," "Felicity," and "All Locked Up," the band's unrequited love song.

Trumpet/guitar player and backing vocalist Joe Baker provided the audience with a brief "Z 107.7 Medley." Baker sang songs by artists such as the Backstreet Boys, St. Louis' own Nelly, and Britney Spears.

"Our goal was to have 500 people through the door, and the final count was around 300," said Baker. "At any rate, we surpassed the number from the last free show. All you can hope to do is continue to broaden your fan base and keep bringing new fans to shows."

The band continued its set with a never before heard song titled "January (the Birthday Song)," which, along with "Everyone Loves Amy," will be on a four song EP slated for a late November release. The show ended with a two song encore including "Devotion" and "You Know It."

New changes are in store for Orangetree. "We are getting rid of the horns completely," said Baker. Trombonist Scott Schmidt will begin to spin turn tables and trumpeter Baker will play guitar.

Mississippi Nights and Side Door to Close

By Kelly Lappin
Editor-in-Chief

The St. Louis area is struggling to endure two major threats to its music scene with the recent closing of the Side Door and the menacing circumstances surrounding Mississippi Nights, two primary venues for a variety of bands.

The Side Door, a small club hidden behind The Hot Locust, a restaurant in St. Louis, closed in August. The owner sold the entire building, forcing the shutdown of both the club and the restaurant.

Although Mississippi Nights is still open, its future looks grim. The execution date has not been set, but it is said that the popular concert venue will be torn down in the not-so-distant future by the Laclede's Landing Redevelopment Corporation.

Yet another wound to live music in the area is the recent demise of many local bands. All of these club regulars, including the Five Deadly Venoms, the Mei Ling, and Alton's own Salusa Secundus and the Picture in Pieces, will be missed.

If there is any hope for the resurrection of the live music scene, the only sign so far may be the opening of a new $6 million concert venue, the Pageant, on Delmar Blvd. in University City. Although the Pageant is expected to have a positive effect on live music in St. Louis, it will hardly replace longtime favorites like the Side Door and Mississippi Nights. With its 1,500 capacity seating, higher budget and more expensive tickets, the Pageant is considerably larger and will most likely feature more mainstream acts than its smaller predecessors, which were known to showcase local talent and independent bands from all over the United States.

The Pageant opens on October 19.

Concert Calendar

October 1
Santana w/ Everlast
Riverport Amphitheatre

October 3
Moby
American Theatre

October 7
BT w/ Hooverphonic
Mississippi Nights

October 11
Pearl Jam w/
Supergrass
Riverport Amphitheatre

October 17
Mighty Mighty
Bosstones w/ Sum 41
The Firehouse

October 20
Barenaked Ladies w/
Guster
Savvis Center

October 25
Wheatus, Harvey Danger, SR-71
Mississippi Nights

October 27
Dixie Chicks
Savvis Center

Canadian Bands Takeover

By Andy Herrin

Due to the recent success of so many Canadian bands, the question arises, is Canadian music taking over?

There are tons of bands and musical acts out there today. Most of the time people listen to music, not really concentrating on where the band is from.

For years, Canadian bands were only played in Canada. Not many of them attempted to cross over to American audiences.

Recently, however, Canadian bands like Our Lady Peace and Finger Eleven have been doing very well for Canadian bands in the U.S.

"One of my favorite bands, Finger Eleven, is Canadian," senior Eric Durbin said.

Even more recently, the punk/pop band Sum 41 has been doing well with their song "It Makes No Difference."

With all the popularity among Canadian bands these days, one cannot help but wonder if they are becoming more popular than U.S. bands.

Despite the sudden Canadian popularity, the biggest bands in Canada have yet to cross over. Bands like Matthew Good Band and Serial Joe are two of the biggest Canadian acts, yet they are still unheard of in the U.S.

The one factor that sets the Canadian bands apart from most American bands is the variety.

"The reason I like Canadian bands is that they all sound different, not all the same like American bands," freshman Eric Pope said.

It seems that Canadian music is still in the minority in America. If this popularity of Canadian artists continues, people may see a change in who runs the music industry in the U.S.

Napster, MP3.com in Court

By Catharine McNelly
Entertainment Editor

For internet music fans, it's free and unlimited access to thousands upon thousands of songs. For the music industry, it lessens the power they hold on copyrighted material.

The controversial MP3 and the companies that support the sharing of digitalized music files in this format have been in legal turmoil the past few months with copyright infringement lawsuits.

Napster, Inc. struck legality issues earlier this year. The band Metallica has become known for its anti-Napster views. Metallica has filed a lawsuit on Napster in hopes of ending this new technological wave.

But online music-sharing services are not budging.

In the beginning of September, MP3.com was hit hard with a suit filed by Universal Music Group, the world's largest record company. While Napster allows users to swap files in the MP3 format, MP3.com allows people to listen to songs without downloading them. MP3.com requires users to show proof that they own the CD before listening to the CD on the internet. The company was fined $25,000 for each CD they had copied onto their server, a total reaching a possible $250 million.

While Metallica expresses their extreme disagreement with the MP3 music-sharing community, other bands are extremely supportive of these companies.

The Offspring is selling t-shirts on their website sporting the words "Save Napster" for $10 each.

Hole's Courtney Love is another artist in support of Napster and the MP3 industry. "Stealing artists' music without paying for it is absolutely piracy - and I'm talking about major labels, not Napster," said Love. "I'd rather have 100 million people hear my songs than one million. It's not about money."

Music fans should have few worries. Analysts predict companies like MP3.com and Napster will stay around for a while longer.

Movie Calendar

Coming to Theatres

September 29
Remember the Titans

October 6
Bamboozled
Cyberworld
Meet the Parents

October 13
Bounce
The Ladies Man
Dr. T and the Women
Lost Souls

October 20
Bedazzled
Pay it Forward

October 27
Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2
Down to Earth
Lucky Numbers
The Little Vampire

Now Available on Video

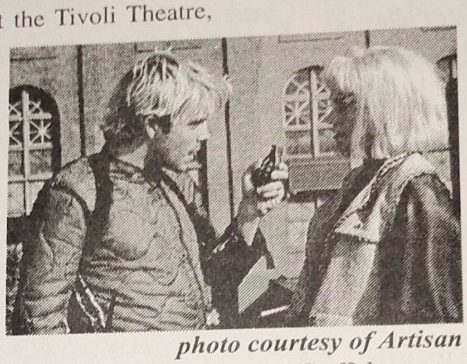
28 Days
Final Destination
High Fidelity
Me, Myself and Irene
Waking the Dead
Where the Heart Is

Cecil B. Demented hit Tivoli

By Ben Harris

Sex, violence, profanity, with a side of Kevin Nealon.

Showing at the Tivoli Theatre, the independent feature offers all these and more. John Waters, director of films such as "Pink Flamingo," came out with another motion picture. "Cecil B. Demented" is about the affairs of guerrilla filmmakers gone terrorist.



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Steven Dorff and Melanie Griffith co-star in Cecil B. Demented, showing at the Tivoli

Steven Dorff and Melanie Griffith star as Cecil B. Demented, operations leader/film director, and Honey Whitlock, superstar extraordinaire turned kidnapping victim. Cecil and his underground associates take Ms. Whitlock captive and force her to participate in the destruction of mainstream filmmaking.

"This movie states what I've been thinking for years, said Nick Harvey, freshman at SIUE.

The terrorists film themselves sabotaging and vandalizing movie theatres, causing gunfights on movie sets, and committing other acts of destruction, all in hopes of eliminating wounding big-time cinema.

"It was exotic and completely insane. I loved it," said Nick Vinson, freshman at LCCC.

"Cecil B. Demented," now playing at the Tivoli Theatre, is intended for mature audiences and should only be viewed with parental permission.

Who You Calling Ugly?

By Katie Manning
Entertainment Editor

Sexy women in tight clothes dancing on bars... what more could a guy ask for? Surprisingly, the summer hit "Coyote Ugly" was more of a chick flick than expected.

Piper Perabo stars in her first major role as Violet, a young woman determined to follow her dream to become a songwriter. She packs her bags and moves to New York City, leaving behind her unsupportive father (John Goodman), however, she soon realizes being discovered isn't as easy as she planned.

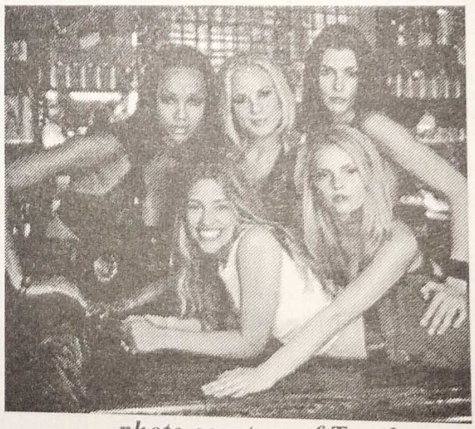
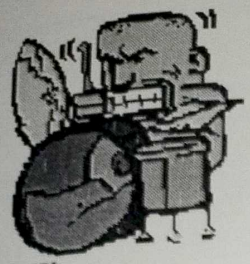


photo courtesy of Touchstone
Piper Perabo, center, with other Coyotes

Violet soon becomes desperate for money and starts working at Coyote Ugly, a rough bar with an even rougher boss where the constant threat of being fired is enough to keep her on her toes.

The film has its cheesy moments, and is completely predictable, but it is filled with fresh, young faces. If viewers attend the movie only expecting a good time, they will definitely not be disappointed.



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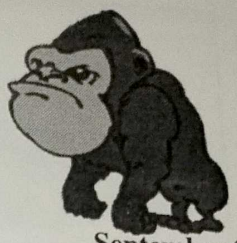

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This is all satire. Calm down.

School Board's Monkeys Cause Problems at AHS

By Stephen Heintz
Humor Editor

Hello there, fellow AHS students, and welcome to a brand new year. Welcome to a brand new year full of the most absolutely brainless rules and regulations that I have ever seen. Ever.

This year we are blessed with: a closed campus, half-hour lunches, and required study halls for all. And study hall is just a sweet way of saying "ISD you didn't do anything to deserve." You sit quietly, unable to do anything but sleep, stare, or work.

"Now why is it," you must wonder, "that everyone is being punished in this manner?" The reason, as I understand it, is that poor attendance rates were causing the school to lose a lot of money, and some students were causing problems during their lunch break. Well, as soon as the school board's expert team of genetically bred rule-writing monkeys caught wind of this, they pulled out their primitive typewriters and began to bang away.

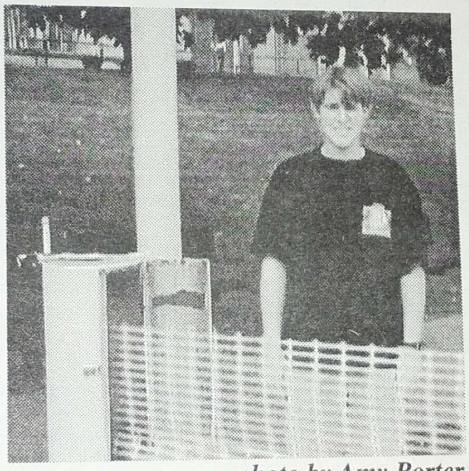

photo by Amy Porter

With their impressive monkey-logic, they decided that to punish those who skipped school, they would make it so that EVERYONE would be unable to leave. They crammed those of us who have never skipped in our lives into an insufficiently-sized cafeteria with those who have forgotten how to spell "school," much less attend it, thus cleverly punishing those who DID do something wrong and those who didn't simultaneously.

Some far less intelligent monkeys might comment, as they pick bugs out of their mate's fur, that this is irrational, and that those who skip and cause problems should be dealt with more severely than those who don't, but those monkeys weren't specially bred by the government, were they?

Now these governmental monkeys are no fools. The second they instituted these rules, they knew that there would be problems with the students. In order to counteract this, they powered up the good old PBIS happy machine and started cranking out inspirational quotes to put up in our classrooms to make us forget about the present and look forward to our glorious futures.

That's about the same as kicking someone in the crotch and saying, "You can succeed if you aim high and work hard!" The guy lying on the ground in a fetal position crying isn't going to sit up and start thinking about how much potential he has. He has a slighty more distracting concern.

The highly paid monkeys have gotten wind of several other problems, and are choosing to resolve them using the same logic as they used in making the closed campus rule. For example, there's always the problem of bad drivers in the pit. The monkeys have decided to abolish all driving at school and turn the pit into a special PBIS "Hug Center" for kids crossing the campus with frowns on their faces. If you're having a bad day, a special PBIS hug expert will rush up and lighten your day with a big ol' hug! And we all know their wondeful chant:"Squeeze out your worries! Hug out your stress! Hug out your problems with PBIS!"

Primate Perspective-

I was recently fortunate enough to meet with one of the monkeys and perform an interview.

RBW- Hello there, Mr.....Chimp. I'm sure you've heard about many students--

Monkey- AAH! AAAAAAH!! (It proceeded to scream and pelt me with fruit)

RBW- Please stop that. It hurts, and I needed to ask about the new rules...

Monkey-MONKEY MAKE RULES GOOD! EE! EEEEE! AAH! (he refused to stop throwing fruit at me, so I had to leave)

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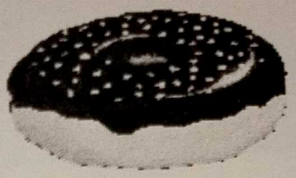

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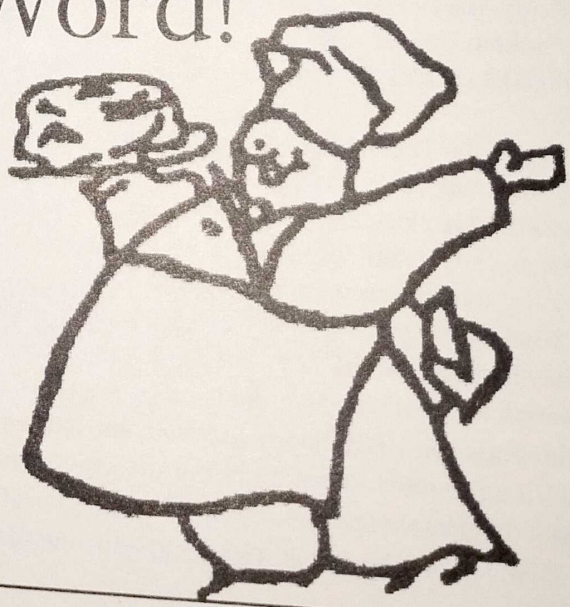

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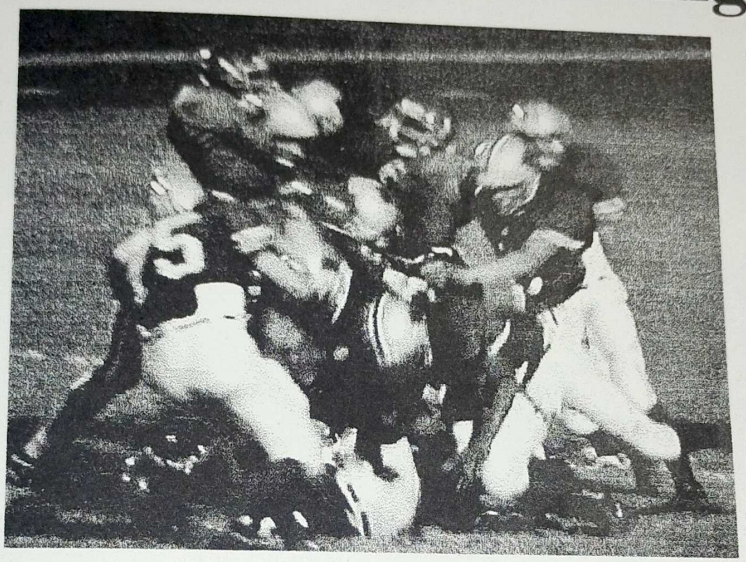
Redbirds Battling For Winning Season

By Jeff Saville
Sports Editor

With the 2000 football campaign off and running, the Redbirds have already had their share of peaks and valleys in search of a winning season. The Redbirds started their season in a valley with a 33-6 opening game loss against Champaign Central.



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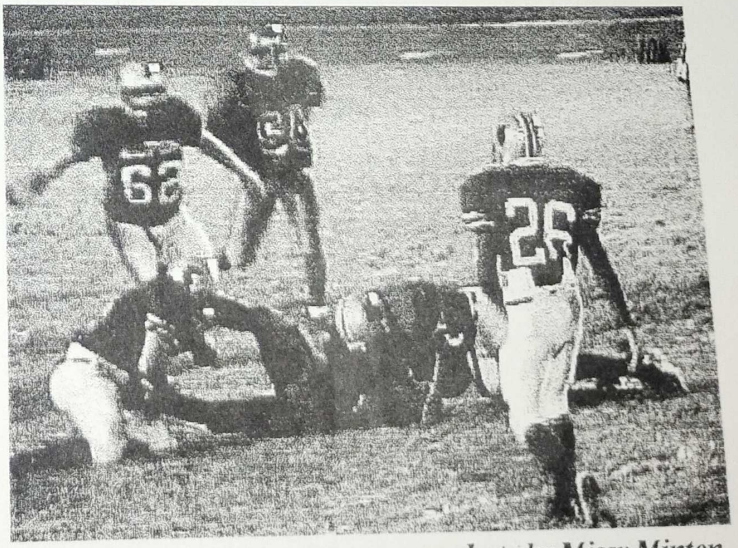
The following week the Redbirds hit a peak and tore into Quincy with a 35-15 thrashing of the visiting Blue Devils. The thrashing started early with Delancy Smith's 87 yard touchdown run on the opening kickoff. The fun continued with Todd Lockhart scoring three touchdowns and intercepting a pass while playing on defense.

One of Todd's touchdowns came on a 48 yard pass from quarterback Zach Wooley. Wooley said, "Todd can play receiver as well as tailback because he can get open and has great hands."

The next week, Alton hit a valley again while suffering a 47-3 battering at the hands of the East St. Louis Flyers and the running game of Flyer's superstar Damion Nash.

On a more personal note, week one saw the Alton Knights of Columbus Quarterback Club selecting Blaine Everage as the Defensive Back of the Week. Other Alton players nominated were Luke Warner (offensive lineman), Myron Baker (defensive lineman), and Zach Wooley (offensive back).

Week two saw the Quarterback Club selecting two Alton players, Todd Lockhart as the Defensive Back of the Week and Brian Huber as Offensive Lineman of the Week. Other Alton players were Myron Baker (defensive lineman) and Todd Lockhart (offensive back).



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Alton Soccer in Gear

By Jason Porter

The 2000 soccer season should be an exciting ride this year for the Redbirds. The team is returning twelve seniors and nine starters. Two of the starters are talented sophomores Aaron Scott and Lewis Robinson.

The captain this year is Blake Snyder who will lead an overpowering defense with seniors Wesley Strowmatt, Tyler Dreith, Jason Porter, Louis Robinson and Pat Gibson in goal.

Seniors Tony Henkhaus, Brandon Sharp, David Knoche, Nick Stalker, Sean Dooley, Jim Crawford, and Aaron Scott will all see ample playing time in an endless midfield.

Dylan Bechtold and Matt Cain will pair for one of the most Explosive one-two punches in the Southwestern Conference.

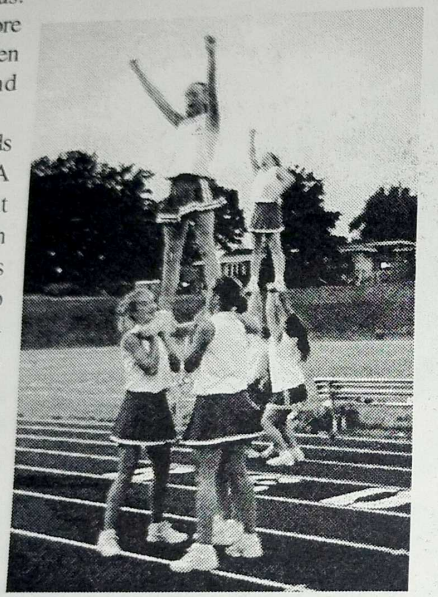
This year the team's major concern is improving their 0-5 conference record of last year. Senior Blake Snyder said, "With this year's team we should have no problem with reaching our goals." Senior Wesley Strowmatt said, "There should be no reason why we couldn't win state."

Cheerleaders: Getting Fired Up for 2000

By Laura Smock
Photographer

The Alton High cheerleaders have gained strength in numbers this year by increasing from last year's 26 girls to 41.

Seniors Katie Hard and Emilie Holden were chosen as Varsity captains for the 2000 football season and seniors Laura Hammond and Laura Smock will take charge during the 2000-2001 basketball season. JV captains are sophomores Erika Harris and Danielle Petras. Freshman/sophomore captains are freshmen Sarah Krepel and Megan Zenker.



The three squads attended the UCA Cheer Camp at Stephens College in Columbia, MO, this summer. At the camp all three squads competed in areas of cheering, dancing and stunting.

"It was an awesome camp and the girls did an awesome job," said Varsity coach Kathryn Young. "These girls are all very talented."

The Varsity and JV squad placed first with their home pom routine, choreographed by Corey Powell. The Varsity squad also brought home all superior ribbons, the first place cheer trophy, the second place x-treme routine trophy and Camp Champs.

The JV squad received the second place cheer trophy, the first place x-treme routine and Camp Champs, all in the non-Varsity division. The JV squad was also given the leadership award.

The fresh/soph received a superior in the non-Varsity division for their home pom routine, also choreographed by Corey Powell. The squad was also awarded with a superior for their x-treme routine.

Seniors Laura Hammond and Laura Smock were selected from the Varsity division as UCA All Star Cheerleaders. They will represent Alton High in London, England in December to perform and march in the New Year's Day Parade.

"It is so exciting to be going to England for cheerleading," said senior Laura Hammond. Freshmen Amber Delehanty, Sarah Krepel and Sarah McAfoos were also named UCA All Stars for the non-Varsity division.

"I was so excited when they called my name for All Stars," said freshman Sarah Krepel. Krepel will represent Alton High in Houston, TX in November of 2000.

Volleyball Girls Serve Up Wins

By Stephanie Wright
Senior Editor

Alton Volleyball has started for the year 2000 and they seem to be on top of things already.

Practices began this summer two weeks before school started, so that the team would be ready for their first game against Bunker Hill.

The Varsity team defeated the Minutemaids in three games 12-15, 15-7, 18-16.

That weekend the girls were victorious again. They played in the Alton Invitational and went 5-0. The teams included Granite City, Bluffs, Roxana, East Alton-Wood River and Calhoun.

In this tournament nine girls were picked from different teams for the All Tournament Team and one for MVP. Only one player was chosen from Alton and she received MVP.

"We are already doing very well this year and I think that we can continue doing just as well or even better," said senior Megan Pope. "We need to keep playing hard and communicating."

" We have a lot of talent and I think that we can compete with any team that we play," said Varsity coach Dan Carter.

New Tennis Coach New Season Starts

By Stephanie Wright
Senior Editor

The Alton High girls' tennis season has finally started and this year they start with some new goals and a new head coach.

The new head coach is Leon Wright. "He makes everyone work very hard," said senior Nancy Engelmann. "Coach Wright wants everyone to do well."

"Everyone seems to be trying a lot harder this year and we are getting a lot better," said sophomore Christina Sidwell. "I think that we might be able to accomplish a lot this year."

This season the team has set some goals for themselves as individuals and as a team. "One of our goals as a team is to win six of our matches," said Sidwell.

The team has 18 matches and two tournaments this year. Nine of the matches are home games and will be played at Gordon Moore Park.

Boys Golf On Course for State

by: Jennifer Frederick

The Alton High boys golf team and coach Todd Cress are driving themselves to the IHSA State Tournament with an 8-1 record as of September 7.

The Redbirds have been very successful this season beating teams such as Marquette, Southwestern, and Roxana. The Redbirds' only loss is at the hands of Belleville East.

Junior captain Daniel Lester is leading this year's squad. Other members of the team are Sophomores Brian Kuddes and Tyler Dunn, Junior Alex Butler, and Seniors Scott Bechtold, Zach Deeder, and Jon O'Neal.

Junior Jake Petras and Senior Scott Bechtold pose for the RBW camera.
Photo By Laura Smock

"I think we have a good team this year. I really will be surprised if we don't make it to state," said Lester. "The kids are doing good and working real hard this season. I have really high hopes for the boys this season." Coach Cress said.

"I think the team is doing better than we had anticipated from the beginning. We plan to do well in the post season, but I'm not going to make any predictions." said Kuddes.

The Redbirds are back in action when the Sectionals come to the Woodlands on October 10.

Cross Country Running for Gold

by: Derek Allen
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The Alton High boys and girls cross country teams have high hopes for their respective seasons. The Redbirds have difficult seasons ahead of them, going to the always difficult Centralia Invitational on October 7, hosting the Southwestern Conference Championship on October 13, and Regionals on October 21.

The boys squad is full of experience with returning Seniors Blair Dodson, Nick O'Dell, and Joe Walker. Sophomores Jake Sweetman and Mike Baxter also add to the Redbirds squad. O'Dell and Walker finished first and fourth respectively in the season opener at Gordon Moore Park. Walker finished first for the Redbirds and twentieth overall in the Tiger Fall Classic in Edwardsville on September 6. O'Dell finished second for the Redbirds and thirtieth overall. Teammate Mike Baxter finished thirty-first.

The girls squad has returning Seniors Rachel Sidwell and Angela Raab. Sophomres Amy Stabell, Jenny Zielinski, and Andrea Zimmermann, and Freshman Victoria Ruppert round out the girls squad. Sidwell was the Redbirds' top finisher in the Tiger Fall Classic with a respectable twenty-first place finish.

When asked about the Redbirds' chances of going to state, Walker said, "A few people have a chance of going." Sidwell said, " It's hard to say right now because it's early in the season."

Upcoming events:

October 6: Home football game vs. Collinsville (Senior Night)

October 9-14: Varsity Soccer Alton Invitational @ Gordon Moore Park

October 10: BoysGolf Sectionals@ Woodlands

Cuddle Up With Courtney

By Courtney Mathus

What did you do to make money this summer?

Megan Williams (12)- I worked at Carole Frew's Bridal and Tuxedo Shop.
Daniel Norooz (11)- I was a lifeguard at River-Aire Swim Club and got a good tan.
Trisha Roth (11)- I enjoyed work at K-Mart all summer.
Paul Rogers (12)- I lived in Chicago and worked at a pizza place.
Anna Noel (12)- I got paid ten dollars an hour to put books into boxes.
Daniel Bozarth (9)- I mowed lawns.
Daniel Krueger (9)- I worked at a Boy Scout camp with little kids. I also bailed hay.
Nathan Anderson (10)- I worked for a landscaping corporation.
James Griffith (9)- I babysat.

Important October Dates

October 6- home football game vs. Collinsville
7 p.m. Public school stadium

October 6- Practice ACT/SAT test

October 14- SAT test

October 15- St. Louis National College Fair at SLU 12-4 p.m.

October 20- Practice ACT/SAT test

October 27- Practice ACT/SAT test

October 28- ACT test

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21- April 19): I should warn you that I see a bad break-up in the near future. Don't worry... someone much better than that loser has been paying a lot of attention to you. Go for 'em!
Taurus (April 20- May 20): Much happiness is in your hands this month. Share it with others. Smile!
Gemini (May 21- June 20): You will hear from an old friend of yours. Accept their invitation to that party. Trust me, you'll be glad you did.
Cancer (June 21- July 22): Your love life will be full of action this month. But because of this, your finances will drop drastically! It's ok to be cheap... sometimes!
Leo (July 23- Aug. 22): I know you, Leo... you've had your eye on that Scorpio. I've been watching you. Just let me tell you that Scorpios' are bad news for you. Why not ask out an Aquarius?
Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22): You know that sticky situation you're in? Just keep yourself busy and it will be over in about a week.
Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): This is your month to relax. Grab a cup of herbal tea and find that comfy sofa you love.
Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)- This is a month of discovery for you, Scorpio. You should take advantage of the many opportunities you'll come across.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)- Make sure you repay that money you borrowed from a Virgo. I have a feeling they'll be after you.
Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan.19)- Friends will act strangely. Be cautious with what you say.
Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18)- Make sure you give your family attention this month. They really need you. A Leo may ask you out... if they're not chicken.
Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20): When your best friend goes behind your back, doesn't that mean they're not your best friend?

If Courtney ruled the world....

...Pit Cops would be gone....."Courtney" would be pronounced "Princess".....The bathrooms would be much cleaner and always stocked with paper towels and soap.....Popular fast foods would be served in the cafeteria.....All boys will be attractive and drive nice cars.....Abercrombie & Fitch would have "Everything's $1" sales.....Local car dealers would pay me to drive a new car everyday..... Students would grade teachers.